

# Luke 19:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.**

The phrase he went before (ἐπορεύετο ἔμπροσθεν, eporeueto emprosthen) depicts Jesus leading His disciples with sovereign determination toward His passion. Ascending up to Jerusalem (ἀναβαίνων εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, anabainōn eis Hierosolyma) carries liturgical significance—pilgrims literally ascended 2,500 feet from Jericho to Jerusalem, but this ascent marks Jesus's journey to His throne via the cross.

Luke emphasizes Christ's initiative and foreknowledge. Unlike the disciples who followed in confusion (18:34), Jesus marches resolutely toward the city that kills prophets. This willing self-sacrifice fulfills Isaiah 50:7: 'I set my face like a flint.' The journey from Jericho to Jerusalem became the most momentous week in human history.

## Historical Context

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Written around AD 60-62, Luke records events from approximately AD 33 during Passover week. The journey from Jericho to Jerusalem (about 15 miles) involved a steep ascent through wilderness, traditionally via the Wadi Qelt. Pilgrims would sing the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120-134) as they approached the holy city for the feast.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's deliberate advance toward suffering challenge your own tendency to avoid difficult obedience?
2. What does it mean that Christ 'went before' His disciples—how does His leading differ from merely giving commands?
3. In what area of your life is God calling you to 'ascend to Jerusalem' despite knowing the cost?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ	εἰπὼν	ταῦτα	ἐπορεύετο	ἔμπροσθεν	ἀναβαίνων
<b>And</b>	<b>spoken</b>	<b>when he had thus</b>	<b>he went</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>ascending up</b>
G2532	G2036	G5023	G4198	G1715	G305

  

εἰς	Ἱεροσόλυμα
<b>to</b>	<b>Jerusalem</b>
G1519	G2414

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 9:51** (References Jerusalem): And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,